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2. [REDACTED] OPENED SESSION BY SAYING THAT AT RISK OF GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT HE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUP IN CHILE. DURING HIS APPEARANCE THE SECRETARY HAD DENIED ANY USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP BUT HAD MADE A COMMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT HE COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME CIA HADMAN ^{MIGHT} HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED IN THE COUP. [REDACTED] ASSURED HIM THAT THERE WERE NO CIA HADMEN IN SANTIAGO OR ANY OTHER PLACE THAT HE WAS AWARE OF AND THAT THE SECRETARY WAS CORRECT IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE USG WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE COUP. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE COUP OF 11 SEPT WAS A CHILEAN AFFAIR AND THAT THE CHILEANS HAD SUFFICIENT

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TALENT AND RESOURCES TO DO WHAT THEY DID WITHOUT FOREIGN
ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT THE
CHILEAN ARMED FORCES ACTED WITH EXTREME RELUCTANCE AND ONLY WHEN
NO OTHER COURSE SEEMED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM. ONCE THEY
ACQUIRED THE WILL AND MADE THEIR DECISION TO ACT THEY DID NOT
NEED ANYONE'S ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR DECISION. NOW THAT
THE COUP HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NEED FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO GOVERN.

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WHEN WE GOT TO THE SUBJECT OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS AND THE REACTION OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES TO THEM ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE COUP. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT THE EXTREME CONCERN FELT BY THE ARMED FORCES ABOUT THE PARAMILITARY STRENGTH OF THE MAEXISTS AND THEIR VIEW THAT THEY HAD TO ACT RESOLUTELY TO STAMP OUT OPPOSITION FOR FEAR THERE COULD BE A COUNTERCOUP. THIS CONCERN AND FEAR MADE THE ARMED FORCES VERY NERVOUS IN THE EARLY PERIOD SINCE THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR OWN LIVES IN A HOT WAR

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SITUATION AND THAT IN THIS PERIOD THEY WERE MORE APT TO SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER. [REDACTED] ASKED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN THE HORMAN AND TERUGGI CASES. [REDACTED] SAID THAT IT WOULD SINCE IN A WAR SITUATION INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATION WERE NOT LIKELY TO BE CLEARLY PERCEIVED, ESPECIALLY BY LOWER LEVELS IN THE ARMED FORCES. [REDACTED] SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE OF A HORMAN OR TERUGGI CASE OCCURRING NOW.

5. AFTER ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION DURING WHICH THE DEVELOPING TENSION BETWEEN [REDACTED] CHILE WAS TOUCHED UPON, [REDACTED] ASKED WHETHER [REDACTED] FELT HE KNEW EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON IN CHILE. [REDACTED] SAID IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS FOR ANYONE TO MAKE SUCH A CLAIM AND THAT [REDACTED] DOUBTED THAT EVEN GENERAL PINOCHET, PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA, WOULD DO SO. [REDACTED] COULD SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY THAT HE WERE ABLE TO KEEP WELL INFORMED BEFORE THE 11TH OF SEPTEMBER.

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